(b) and (c) Mr. Hurd reiterated the UK's 3-point formula on J&K, which includes a call for the cessation of external support to violence in J&K. He further agreed that ensuring a threshold level of security was essential to holding elections in J&K and in this context the UK would continue to urge Pakistan to desist from support for militancy.

Setting up of an Economic Security Council at the U.N.

2460. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to certain suggestions for setting up of an Economic Security Council at the United Nations;

(b) whether these suggestions also include restructuring of various organisations to make them more representative;

(c) whether these suggestions were made in a Conference organised by the Parliamentarian's Forum for Human Development;

(d) whether Government propose to take up these suggestions with other foreign countries and at International forums thereafter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government is aware of suggestions made by some independent experts/prominent personalities for setting up an Economic Security Council at the UN. Some other suggestions for restructuring of various organisations have also been made. Goverment is of the view that any restructuring of UN bodies should be aimed at making them more representative and democratic.

(c) Government has seen reports of suggestions made by the Parliamentarian's Forum for Human Development on this subject.

(d) and (e) The suggestions for the setting up of an Economic Security Council do not presently constitute a formal proposal before the United Nations. The member States of UN have not so far engaged in any substantive discussions on this proposal for evolving a consensus.

March by Tibetan Refugees

2461. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tibetan refugees living in India had decided to undertake a long march from New Delhi to Lhasa on March 10, 1995; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for their march and whether Government are willing to take interest/interfere or to mediate to resolve the issues involved in their undertaking the said march?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government have seen press reports to the effect that organisers of the "Peace March" have dropped their plans to march to Lhasa. Government's view is that such issues are best settled by dialogue between the parties concerned.

South Asian Preferential Trade Agreement

2462. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prospects of launching the South Asian Preferential Trade Agreement (SAPTA) in the SAARC Summit to be held in New Delhi;